

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSFER OF ORDERS FROM AN ORDER  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO AN ELECTRONIC MARKETPLACE

ABSTRACT

5 An order management system permits the filling of orders for items. The items are  
supplied from fulfillment centres or from suppliers enrolled in electronic  
marketplaces. The order management system has a set of fulfillment centre objects  
that represent fulfillment centres. There is a release to fulfillment object for  
associating one or more items in an order with one of the fulfillment centres.  
Fulfillment instructions for items associated with a fulfillment centre object are sent  
10 to the corresponding fulfillment centre. In the order management system, electronic  
marketplaces are able to be represented as fulfillment centre objects to permit release  
to fulfillment steps to be carried out for the electronic marketplaces in a manner  
similar to that used when items are to be fulfilled from regular fulfillment centres.